stand made against France last autumn. In diplomatic circles here the seriousness of the latest Anglo-Russian crisis is considered to have been much exaggerated by the news-. In well-informed quarters it is now held that an amicable settlement of the entire China question may be looked for before long. As regards Italy, the latest note to the Tsungli-Yamen is considered an ultimatum, and it is thought here that the Chinese Government, actadvice, will give way to Italian demands.

Meanwhile, in spite of all disturbing events and rumors, the various Foreign Offices continue to exchange views with great gravity on the forthcoming peace conference at The Hague. The report that Sir Julian Pauncefote has been appointed British Plenipotentiary at the conference is somewhat premature; no doubt Sir Julian's name has been before the Cabinet in spoken of as the Italian representative at the conference. The Marquis was Foreign Minister much experience and great charm of manner. Apropos of this so-called peace movement, it is curious to learn that the circulation of Mr. Sead's newspaper, "War Against War," which is the avowed champion of the Czar's proposals. has been officially prohibited by the Russian censorship. At the same time we find Mme. Olgade Novikoff writing to the newspapers to protest against calling the movement a crusade or using the high-flown language about it which is affected by some sentimental enthusiasts. Mr. Stead's efforts do not seem altogether appreci-

dulness again. The House of Commons is large- | enterprising. ly occupied just now with useful but uninteresting measures, like those for improving the disgracefully inefficient telephone service in large towns, dividing the unwieldy area of Lon- MISREPRESENTATION OF THE FRENCH don into smaller municipalities, or providing that railway trains shall have automatic couplings. The last question rouses much opposition in railway circles, where the expense of the new equipment is dreaded. An important commission of English engineering experts is to proceed of couplings on American railroads. Meanwhile, the latest trunk line with a terminus in London, the Great Central, has begun operations with much improved rolling-stock and entire trains of cars coupled on the American system. Some interest also attaches to a new bill giving the Police Commissioner the power to deal with congested traffic in London, and order omnibuses, heavy wagons and other vehicles to take prescribed routes. More stringent regulations of this kind are obviously necessary if such thoroughfares as the Strand and Piccadilly are not to be hopelessly jamined by a solid block of imcarts and carriages during several hours of every day.

Party politics are almost in abeyance, though the Church question is still smouldering, and threatens every moment to burst into a blaze. Sir William Harcourt has answered the latest manifesto of the Ritualistic clergy in another vigorous letter, in which he dwells on the dishonesty of men who openly threaten to disobey the laws and violate the conditions under which they received their benefices and emoluments.

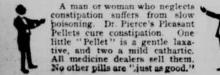
The persistent policy of British statesmen of narrowing the area of taxation by curtailing or abolishing indirect duties is causing serious embarrassment to the Chancellor of the Exciples of finance, and dislikes taxes on imports, expenditures, it is suggested either that the duty on tobacco should be slightly increased or that there should be a partial susish national debt is automatically reduced by Michael's economic orthodoxy. Unless overborne by his colleagues, he is expected to fall back on the income tax, which is the customary resource of the English Finance Minister in diffi-

terview with the German Emperor show that in that of benevolent neutrality politics there are no irreconcilable animosities. In reference to the sensational reports about gratulation to President Kruger on the failure Moreover, absolute confidence now prevails that Dark Continent. Hence the official press in Ber- to China. It is already known that since De Town by allowing his proposed railway to pass vision through German Central Africa. The permis- The Paris Bourse shows unusual firmness,

horse you do not hitch him up to a sulky and take him to the race track for a little nealthful spin. You doctor nim. You cannot work or ecreate a man into good health any more than you can a horse. Bicycling will make healthy men more healthy, it will make unhealthy men more unhealthy. When a man has been living in too big a hurry, when he has worked himself out, when he has got so that he does not sleep or eat, or rest, and the whole world looks gloomy to him, it is time for him to take medicine. Then, when he is braced up a bit, it is time enough for him to take to the bicycle.

When a man's nerves have an edge on them, so that the least little disappointment rasps on his temper like a file, when his stomach and liver and nerves are deranged, and his stomach and liver and nerves are deranged, and he is continually gloomy and melancholy, he should take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It makes a man as hungry as a fisherman and sees to it that all the vital elements of the food are absorbed into the blood. It braces up the liver and puts it to work in the right way. It drives all bilious impurities from the system. It fills flesh, nerves, brain cells, sinews and bones with the hife-giving elements of sich, and nove blood. It makes a man healthy of rich, red, pure blood. It makes a man healthy and then a bicycle will make him strong. Medicine dealers sell it, and have nothing "just as good."

"Through your skillful treatment I am once more a well man," writes J. N. Arnold, Esq., of Gandy, Logan Co., Neb. "I suffered for years with constipation and torpidity of the liver, irritation of the prostate and inflammation of the bladder. I took six bottles of Golden Medical Discovery' and "Pleasant Pellets" and am permanently cured. You and 'Pleasant Pellets' and am permanently cured.



a man who looks a long way ahead.

The Queen's departure to the Continent, postponed owing to the bad weather, took place this afternoon, when Her Majesty crossed the Channel under favorable conditions. An hour or so before the Queen embarked at Folkestone for Boulogne, the Princess of Wales, with two daughters, left Dover for Calais. They are to go on to Paris and Versailles, and then embark in one of the royal yachts for a long cruise in the

The two plays produced in London this week which are already familiar to American audiences have been received with only moderate favor by the critics. Mr. Louis Parker's "Mayflower" is considered rather too slight to obtain much hold on the English public. Mrs. Frances ing under English and probably also German | Hodgson Burnett's "A Lady of Quality," with the third act rewritten since the American representations, was brought out at the Comedy Theatre on Wednesday. The general opinion is not enthusiastic, though the spirit, brilliancy and animation of Miss Eleanor Calhoun's acting in the part of the heroine is highly commended. Some forthcoming theatrical events of importance are talked of. The new comedy by Mr. Finero, which Mr. Hare will produce at the Globe after Easter, will be entitled "The Lord connection with the conference, but it is be- Guy." Previous to this production Mr. Hare Heved that the final selection for the post has will bring his Robertsonian series to an end with not yet been made. No appointment would be a revival of "Caste." Early in April Mr. Wyndmore popular than that of the distinguished ham will appear at the Criterion in Mr. Haddiplomatist who represents Great Britain in don Chambers's play, "The Tyranny of Tears," Washington. He would have a fitting colleague after which he will migrate to the new theatre in the Marquis Visconti di Venosta, who is being built for him, which he proposes to open with an English version of Edmond Rostand's famous "Cyrano de Bergerac." It is a somewhat In the Rudini Cabinet, and is a statesman of daring experiment, which will be watched with

The proprietors of "The Daily Telegraph" pro pose shortly to issue a Sunday edition of their journal. All the resources of "The Telegraph" will be at the disposal of the new venture, which will include among its staff and contributors Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Sir Edwin Arnold, Messrs. H. D. Traill, W. L. Courtney and other wellknown journalists and men of letters. It is understood that "The Sunday Telegraph" will not greatly differ from the daily issue, except that it will pay rather more attention to literary and miscellaneous topics. It will probably be a Domestic politics in England has drifted into | bright and readable paper, and will certainly be

PARIS.

POLICY IN CHINA.

NO INTENTION OF THWARTING ITALY-RUSSIA'S PURPOSES-THE BIANCHINI CASE-SOCIAL NOTES.

INY CABLE TO THE TRUBUNE. Paris, March 11.-Considerable annoyance pre France in China. In conversation last evening with a personage who stands so closely to M. Forbes, Deleassé, Minister of Foreign Affairs, that his | Among the passengers who sailed on the views have the same weight as an expression | Louis are Mr. and Mrs. John L. De Raismes, from the Minister himself. The Tribune correspondent was assured that the reports that Schwab, Mrs. H. R. Hopper and Mr. W. R. knew that Kipling's wife was an American, and it France was seeking to stiffen the opposition of the Tsung-li-Yamen to Signor de Martino's demands for a lease of San-Moon Bay and that the French Government desired to thwart Italy's sailed on La Touraine are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. plans in the Far East were absolutely false, and on a par with the imputations made during the late Spanish-American War that French diplomacy atempted to create a Continental coaliefforts to attribute to France a dog-in-themanger policy in regard to Italy, the United States and other countries cause deep indigna- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dien.

It appears that the Italian Government, before making a demand for the San-Moon concession, had already confidentially informed the principal European Powers, and probably also chequer. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is strongly the United States, of its intentions. No unfaimbued with old Cobdenite or Gladstonian prin- vorable reply having been received from any Power, and notably so neither from Russia nor | Pavenia, Captain Atkins, which sailed from even for revenue purposes. In view of a probable deficit of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000. a probable deficit of £2,000,000 or £3,000,000, owing chiefly to raval and military a military many naval action if necessary, in an uitimatum and naval action if necessary, in Subsequent disavowal on the part of the Chinese
Government of any discourteous intentions.

This disavowal, in the face of Signor de Martino's reflected statements of the Tournell Sta spite of the Tsung-li-Yamen's refusal and the pension of the sinking fund by which the Brit-This disavowal, in the face of Signor de Martino's reiterated statements of the Tsung-liseveral millions annually; but neither of these Yamen's deliberate insult conveyed in returning his demand in an ordinary red envelope used only for trivial routine communications, will have no weight whatever at the Quirinal. Opinion here is that Italy will not hesitate to seize San-Moon, and that her naval force in Chinese waters is amply sufficient to accomplish Mr. Cecil Rhodes's visit to Berlin and his in- that purpose. The attitude of France will be

The great expansionist began public life as a the joint action of France and Russia in China determined opponent of the German designs in by virtue of an alleged extension of the Franco-Southern Africa, He opened up Rhodesia to Eng- Russian alliance to the Far East, it is stated in Hish enterprise avowedly to checkmate the Ger- the best-informed diplomatic circles here that man intention of running a barrier across Africa | France is not more likely to give Russia naval from ocean to ocean behind the British colonies. or military support in China than was Russia Perhaps the Kaiser's exultant message of con- to support France last autumn at Fashoda. of Jameson's raid was penned with due recol- the withdrawal of M. de Giers's protests against lection of these facts, but the Germans wisely the New-Chwang Railway extension will soon recognize the fait accompli. They see that it is be followed by an arrangement to be proposed useless to dispute England's position as the upon the Emperor of Russia's own initiative, paramount Power in South Africa, and are de- which will greatly lessen the danger of any voting their own energies to other parts of the dispute between England and Russia in regard lin has referred to Mr. Rhodes in very friendly Giers's protest all Russian negotiations with terms, and there is a strong disposition to aid China are being conducted directly from St. his great scheme of connecting Cairo with Cape | Petersburg, under the Emperor's personal super-

sion in any case is not of much practical value | leading bankers being of the opinion that no infor the moment, since it must be many years ternational complications in China are probable and that the impending Italian occupation of San-Moon will not affect the market one way

The military operations in the Philippines are followed with attention. There is a small but compact Filipino colony in Paris, the most wealthy and influential member of which is Antonio Sanz, a perfumery merchant, whose shop near the Rue Lafayette serves as a rendezvous for the so-called Filipino Junta. The expected arrival in Paris of Agoncillo and Luna has been delayed, partly owing to Agoncillo's shipwreck on the Labrador, when his luggage, containing letters from Aguinaldo and a considerable sum of money in Bank of England notes, was lost. According to information from a usually trustworthy source, the Tagal delegate had entered into negotiations to secure in France a million smokeless powder cartridges and a large quantity of Gras rifles, which were to be shipped from Antwerp to a nominal destination in Japan, but the plan fell through owing to the want of funds. It is needless to sny that the French Government will show exemplary severity in the event of any illegal acts of the representatives of Aguinaido, whose international status, in the opinion of the French Cabinet, is that of a pirate.

The Filipinos in Paris, with two or three exceptions, have but little sympathy with Aguinaldo, whose plan is said to be to rely upon the rainy season, which begins in April, to prevent the possibility of American field operations in the interior, and meanwhile to smuggle army ammunition from Japan and elsewhere, so as to continue hostilities with renewed vigor when

campaigning weather sets in again.

Russian demand were withdrawn. Great rolled was experienced when Mr. Brodrick announced man territory, but Mr. Rhodes has always been its Maybrick case, and has directed the attenquest in New-York in the Adams poisoning case which latter is characterized by the "Gazette des Tribunaux" and by French jurists as "a scandalous proceeding, furnishing a timely warning of what should be avoided in the proposed reform of our own criminal procedure," all faith in the testimony of medical experts is destroyed in the public mind by the conflicting evidence on purely scientific points of Drs. Gilles de la Tourette and Jean Charcot, on the one hand, who both affirmed that death was not due to poison, while Dr. Brouardel, dean of the Faculty of Medicine; Dr. Ogier and Dr. Vibert, who all three, on the other hand, were equally positive that death was due to atrophine. The public consider that the jury ought to have given the accused woman the benefit of the doubt, and the stupid compromise which they adopted in rendering a verdict of "guilty, with extenuating circumstances," is ridiculous. It is completely inadequate if the woman is guilty, and an outrage if she is innocent. The highest legal authorities in France admit that a reform in the method of legal expert evidence is necessary, and urge the adoption of the German system in cases of conflicting testimony, where a decision is made by a committee of scientists called in for the purpose. This plan is also recommended by Dr.

President Loubet is taking advantage of the fine weather to enjoy morning walks in the streets of Paris attended only by his son, Paul Loubet. All hostility to him seems now to have disappeared. The President leaves the Elysée Palace by a small garden gate, and walks quietly toward the Arc de Triomphe and back. Meanwhile detectives follow his movements on bicycles at a discreet distance, and apparently much

A considerable number of Americans have

gone to Rome and Monte Carlo to pass mid-Lent. Mrs. William Waddington gave a dinner on Thursday, followed by a musical reception, at which a chorus of young women sang. Among those present were Mme. Hegerman Lindencrone, Mrs. Runkle, Mme. Benjamin Constant and Miss Stuers. Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson have returned to Paris from Rome, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis are back again from Monte Carlo and entertain a few friends at dinner in their apartments in the Avenue Bois de Boulogne. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Vanderbilt intend to visit Cannes shortly to stay with Mrs. Vanderbilt's aunt, Mrs. Edward King, at Villa Saint George. The Landgrave of Hesse is giving a series of musical entertainments, which are well attended by Americans. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Singer gave a dinner on Thursday at the residence in the Avenue d'Iena. Among the guests were the Duc and Duchesse de la Rochefouchauld, the Prince and Princesse de Polignac, Mrs. William Moore, Mr. and Mrs. George Munro, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Todd and Mrs. Henderson have valls at the Quai d'Orsay in regard to what is left Paris for Monte Carlo. M. Henri Cachart there held to be a wilful, persistent and mis- has left Paris for Rome. Mr. and Mrs. Tankerchievous misrepresentation made in England ville Chamberlain have arrived in Paris and and the United States as to the real attitude of | start for Monte Carlo. The engagement is announced of Miss Emily Bryden to Mr. Villiers

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Schwab, Miss Gertrude Amory. No American liner will sail next week, but from March 25 the steamers of this line will call at Cherbourg. Among the passengers who Ribon, Mr. and Mrs. Evaristo, Villilla Augias Turenne, Mr. D. Howell and Mr. Henry Doyle. Among the passengers who salled on Wednes-

day on the Kaiser Friedrich are Herr von Brution against the United States. The continued ning, Secretary of Legation; Count and Countess Pourtalès, Miss Townsend, J. Atkinson Ellengood and his family, Mrs. M. D. Benson, and

THE PAYONIA AT LIVERPOOL.

CROWDS GREET THE VESSEL-CHARGES OF COW ARDICE DENIED.

Liverpool, March 11.-The Cupard Line steamer Wolviston, and which left Ponta Delgada, Azore Islands, on February 27, in tow of two tugs, arrived

women weeping for joy. reporters on board the steamer, on the ground that the circumstances of the Pavonia's breakdown will be investigated in due course of time. The company, however, denounces the charges of cowardlessaid to have been brought against Captain Atkins and Chief Engineer Duncan by passengers of the Pavonia who reached New-York on March 7 by the Portuguese steamer Vega, from Ponta Delgada, Azore Islands, as being "wicked, malignant and unfounded." The officials of the company also declared that the details of the breakdown of the Pavonia already known sufficiently refute the chagges referred to. reporters on board the steamer, on the ground that

DISPOSAL OF THE CAROLINES.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT REFUSES INFORMATION-PROTECTORATE OVER NEW-GUINEA-

RHODES'S PRESENCE CRITICISED.

Berlin, March II.-In the discussion of the Forasked a question regarding the acquisition of the Spanish islands, said he was not in a position to communicate anything definite on the subject, adding:

"I think that are applied for a constant of the Spanish islands and Suakim. A squadron of cavalry has been dispatched from Omdurman up the White Nile, to prevent supplies from being furnished chandestinely to the Khalifa's camp in Keardofan.

"I think that an academic discussion relative to | CORRUPTION IN BUSINESS. Several Island will be of little service. Our interests in the matter, in any case, can only be fully taken into

Herr Richter declared he would strive to prevent the acquisition of worthless colonies.

The Reichstag to-day adopted the colonial estimates, including those for the administration of agreement arrived at with the New-Guinea Com-

STRANGE MURDER AND SUICIDE. London, March 11 -- A gravestone-worker, living at

the throats of his wife and two children and then cutting his own throat. All four persons are dead. The only motive for the crimes was that the man was a fanatic vegetatian, and had been medically ordered to eat meat

THE FRIEDRICH DER GROSSE FLOATED. Hamburg, March 11,-The North German Lloyd steamer Friedrich der Grosse, Captain Eichel, which was reported aground yesterday off Schulau, in the river Elbe, has been floated and has reached this port.

ATLAS LINER IN HEAVY STORMS.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 11.-The Atlas Line on March 4, has arrived here overdue. She reports having encountered a series of heavy storm down The verdict of the Assize Court of the Seine, which found Mme. Bianchini guilty, but with "extenuating circumstances," of polsoning her injured.

WAR WITH RUSSIA AVERTED.-The British lion and the Russian bear came to uncomfortably close quarters this week over the Chinese troubles. The newspapers had already begun to talk of a serious crisis and a grave outlook, but the diplomatic switchmen again succeeded in warding off a collision on the subject of the Northern railroads. a conflict being averted by a Russian backdown according to the Jingoes, and by a compromise, cording to more impartial observers.

The real explanation of the affair appears to be that Russla made a protest against the British railroad contract partly as a feeler and partly as a warning. If the British Premier had shown weak-Russia would have persisted; but, in any case. Russia, by her protest, elicited a Ministerial statement in the House of Commons that the conditions of the loan did not constitute foreign con trol. Thus Russia obtained a pledge that no such interpretation would be placed on the contract in the event of default, which is a further substantial concession to the Russian claims in Northern China. On the other hand, Lord Salisbury scored a point in securing a withdrawal of the Russian protest. Russia also gained a point with which she has good reason to feel satisfied. "The Times" thinks Lord Sallsbury achieved a

onsiderable success which must unquestionably strengthen Great Britain's position at Peking. The paper, however, also sees in the adjustment of the dispute a triumph for the pacific and conciliatory elements of Russian statesmanship, and thove all, a practical expression of the Czar's determination to meet Great Britain half-way in the removal of all the regrettable misunderstandings which here all the regrettable misunderstandings emoval of all the regrettable misunderstandings high have hitherto kept Great Britain and Russia

The Times" adds that it is sure the British "The Times" adds that it is sure the British to accomplished facts in the Northern Chinese provinces and to assist Russia in settling her position on the basis of reciprocity. This remark of "The Times" shows that the British now accept the Russian influences in Manchuria as accomplished facts, and that they only expect their Government to secure compensation in other directions.

LARGE NATIONAL DEFICIT.-The Conserva ive Government has got itself into financial straits. The publication of the naval estimates completes various items of national expenditure, which make a total of f112,185,200, being an increase of 14,471,200 over the estimates. It is probable that there will be a deficit of over \$4,000,000, which, it is expected, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, will meet by a reimposition of the former tobacco duty and an increase of the income tax to ninepence. The suggestion is made in the press that the deficit be met by a suspension of a part of the sinking fund. The city, however, is opposed to this as calculated to weaken the whole financial position of the country in a time not only of peace but of ample revenue and great prosperity. and great prosperity.

IMPORTS INCREASING .- A ray of sunshine in he financial situation is seen in the apparently booming state of trade, as shown by the Board of Trade returns. The imports since December show n increase of fi.100,000, as compared with 1898, inlicating that the purchasing power of the country dicating that the purchasing power of the country is still growing. These satisfactory figures help the Chancellor of the Exchequer in taking a hopeful view of the revenue for the coming year, but they will not avert the necessity of new taxation. The Liberal press naturally makes the most of the Government's financial difficulties, which are attributed to the Government's policy of "doles to squirearchy" and to extravagances.

KAISER'S MESSAGE TO MRS. KIPLING -Emperor William's message to Mrs. Rudyard Klpling has naturally attracted great attention, particularly the reference to "our common race." The first imession here was that Emperor William thought Kipling was an American, especially as the German papers referred to the "American author Kipling, but this impression is erroneous. The Emperor was reader of Kipling's writings long before the author settled in America. His Majesty, however, is thought he intended to include America when he spoke of the "common race." "The Spectator" today says: "The Emperor is evidently willing to substitute the Teuton for the Anglo-Saxon as the race of the future. He did not venture to ruling race of the future. He did not venture to call Kipling an American, but, being anxious that his telegram should be taken as a compliment to Americans rather than Englishmen, the German fournals received a hint to describe him as an American at least. As the Germans read Kipling and know his pedigree as well as we do, that is the only explanation we can ofter for their otherwise inexplicable unanimity in blundering."

"The Superstore" in another atticle remarks: "It

wise inexplicable unanimity in blundering."
"The Spectator" in another article remarks: "It must be a singular experience, even for Kipling, to wake up from a serious illness and find that two great peoples have been interested in his fate, that an Emperor has grieved for him in words having the weight of a political manifesto, and that his value to publishers has been increased by hundreds, perhaps by thousands, a year."

"MR. DOOLEY'S" SUCCESS.-"Mr. Dooley in Peace and in War," by Peter Dunn, the newspa-per man, of Chicago, has met with a wonderful

CECIL RHODES'S VISIT TO BERLIN.-The steamer presented a battered appearance, her rails being carried away or twisted and her topmast road. It is remarked that it will be a curious meeting between the prime mover in the Jameson raid and the author of the imperial telegram to Presiand other relatives of the crew, many of the dent Kruger of the Transvaal Republic, Mr. Rhodes, it is understood, is prepared to offer to The officials of the Cunard Line refuse to allow Germany freer access to the line and a certain control over that portion traversing German territory. Germany would secure important concessions and running powers over the whole Rhodesian raliroad system. The "National Zeitung" anticipates road system. The "National Zeitung" anticipates that Mr. Rhodes will be successful, and contends that his success will not be injurious to German colonial interests in Africa. It says coolly:
"Mr. Rhodes is not a favorite here, but German interests are not so identical with those of the Boers that Germany must forever share the feelings of the Transvaal toward Mr. Rhodes."

Other German newspapers which were formerly rabidly against Rhodes now approve of an arrangement with him respecting the railroad.
It is further reported that Mr. Rhodes also includes in his scheme the construction of a railroad from the Atlantic, across German Southwest Africa, into Rhodesia.

TO CRUSH KHALIFA'S FORCES.-The latest advices from the Soudan minimize the strength of the Khalifa's forces, though it has been practically decided to send an expedition finally to dispose of eign Office estimates in the Reichstag 10-day the him. General Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, will

the future acquisition of this or that South Sea have recently come to light pointing to the preva-island will be of little service. Our interests in the which came as a surprise to the general public the Cortes, which is not expected to reassemble before the end of April. I am not in a position to committee to investigate the matter and report committee to investigate the matter and report this week. It shows that bribery and corruption are rampant in every department of business and professional life. According to the report, commisstons, which easily pass into bribes, are given to firms or agents to secure custom. Then the reciptents demand similar bribes from other firms, and the stress of competition necessitates their being being paid. Thus a form of blackmail has been instituted, and also a system of disposing of in-ferior articles. The committee, in order to check the evil, recommends civil proceedings under the present has and fresh legislation making the prac-tice criminal.

> is taken in the fashionable world of Paris over the engagement of Mile. Richellen and Count Edward Mile. Richellen is the daughde la Rochefoucauld. ter of the Princess of Monaco by her first husband. Her mother was a niece of Helne, while her father was a direct descendant of the famous Duke of Richeleu. The Count is the son of the Duke de la Rochefoucauld. SICKNESS OF THE PREMIER-London has

A PARIS ENGAGEMENT .- Considerable interest

been favored with ideal spring weather in the last week and there has been a marked diminution of cold while returning from Windsor on the occasion of the formal presentation of the United States Ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, to the Queen, and he has been confined to his house ever since. The Premier is unable to preside at the Caliner meet-ings or to hold the usual reception of the members of the Diplomatic Corps. Mr. Choate has not yet called formally at the Foreign Office.

INVITATIONS TO MR. CHOATE,-Mr. and Mrs. Cheafe have been inundated with invitations to social events which are about to take place. All the Ambassadors have left their cards.

SOCIETY PEOPLE GRUMBLE.-The absence of the Queen and the Prince of Wales, respectively, from the opening Drawing Room and levee of the

Outside of the charmed circle of the Marlboroughs and Manchesters, there is a very smart American in London now, Ladies Abinger and Oxford, Mrs. Offby Sorrester, whose daughters were the belles of the Riviera season last year; Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Alfred Paris, who is holding the most pleas-ant weekly receptions in Chesham st. and Mmes. Balcheler and Freeman Schulge, of Philadelphia.

LADY MARY SACKVILLE'S INJURY .- London will lose one of its most popular beauties during the trip of Lady Mary Sackville to visit Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould next month. Lady Mary was on board the train yesterday, ready to start for South-ampton on her way to New York when the porter suddenly shut the door of her carriage, crushing one of her fingers, which obliged her to return to her hatel

VERSES TO KIPLING.-The newspapers here still pay considerable attention to the progress toward recovery made by Rudyard Kipling. "The Times" on Friday prominently printed a set of verses after the style of "The Barrack-Room Ballads," and supposed to be from "Tommy Atkins to Kipling on His Iliness." The last verse ran;

We 'eard that you were fighting 'ard, just as we know you would. you would.
But we 'ardly 'opel you'd turn his flank; they said you 'ardly could.
But, the news has come this morning, an' I'm writing ray, rivish son more 'appy than your old friend

WORKING AGAINST AMERICAN OIL.-The bill of Harold James Reckitt, Liberal member for the Brigg Division of Lincolnshire, raising the flash point of petroleum from 73 to 100, is the result of a bitter campaign waged by certain evening papers against the "deadly low flash." It comes before the House of Commons next Wednesday, and will meet with strong opposition, its opponents contending that the originators of the agitation against the American oils are the Scotch petroleum refiners. Moreover, it is shown that many of the accidents in the last year were not due to American off, but to Russian off, whose test point is 103. The bill, it is declared, seeks to compel the public

The bill, it is deciared, seeks to compel the public to use oils which apparently have been little favored by the people up to now, and favors Russia at the expense of America.

Three representatives of an American syndicate are over here negotiating for a combination of the English and American oil mills. They expect to carry the scheme through, and in about three months' time there will be the blagest trust ever formed on this side of the Atlantic, involving capital to the amount of about \$75,000,000. The idea is that each side should abandon competition on the other's ground, and come to a working arrangement regarding the Continental business, expecially that of Southern Europe, in oil and seedcake. The oil milling industry here is confined to Hull, Liverpool and London. Hull is the principal centre, but Liverpool has the largest concern of the kind in the world. IN HONOR OF KING ALFRED.-The Lord

at a meeting held at the Mansion House this week, to further the proposed national commem-oration, in 1901, of the one-thousandth anniversary of the death of King Alfred. The Queen has given to the movement her patronage, and the memorial will take the form of a bronze statue of King Alfred, to be erected in his royal city of Winchester. The United States Ambassador wrote regretting that his visit to the Queen at Windsor on the day of the meeting prevented his attendance. The secretary, who is a former Mayor of Winchester, announced that a committee had been formed in America to co-operate with the move-ment here, and that its members include Colonel ment here, and that its members include tolone, John Hay, the Secretary of State: Bishop Potter and the presidents of Yale and Johns Hopkins universities. King Alfred being the founder of Great Britain's maritime supremacy, a naval display will be held, and the largest armored cruiser in the world, to be launched in 1901, will be christened King Alfred. Wolvesey Castle, the ancient residence of the English kings near Winchester, will be secured as a memorial museum. The sum of £20,000 is asked for to carry out the whole scheme. WORK ON THE SHAMROCK .- W. Fife, jr., the

yacht designer, has been in London frequently in the last few weeks studying the lines of the Shamrock as she grows into shape. He has not modified his plans in the slightest detail, so he is evidently as pleased with her appearance as an actual box now succeeded in surmounting the worst difficulties in working the manganese plates, several of which were ruined in the first attempts. The work is now proceeding smoothly, though slowly It is expected, however, that the yacht could be ready, if desired, by the end of May. The name Golden Rod, which it is said will be given to the America's Cup defender, is rather startling to Englishmen, most of whom never heard of the American flower. "The Yachting World" says: "No fault can be found with the name, but, all the same, it is unpleasantly suggestive of a beating for Sir Thomas Lipton." The owner of the Shamreck returns from the Riviera on March 16, when the date of the launch of the cup challenger will be fixed.

SUNDAY EDITION OF "THE TELEGRAPH.". per man, of Chicago, has met wan a very here, reception here. The book is quoted everywhere, and the author is spoken of as another Mark Twain. "The Spectator" to-day, in the course of a shortly start a Sunday edition. It will be only an twain review of the work, compares Mr. Dunn with Artemus Ward.

SUNDAY EDITION.

"The Daily Telegraph" announces that it will shortly start a Sunday edition. It will be only an experiment, and, except for "The New-York Heraldis" experiment, "The Daily Telegraph" will be ald "experiment, "The Daily Telegraph" will be ald "experiment, the first London paper to have a seven-day issue.

NEWS OF THE THEATRES. The success of the theatrical world at present is Charles Hawtrey in "The Cuckoo," at the Avenue Theatre, where, in spite of the charges of impropriety, all fashionable London is flocking.

The criticisms on "A Lady of Quality" as a play are generally severe, and it is not likely to succeed

Mrs. Brown Potter's success in "The Musketeers" has firmly established her in a position from which she is now able to dictate her own terms. She will play the leading role in Henry A. Jones's "Garnac Sahib," which Beerbohm Tree will produce at Her Majesty's Theatre on April 5. The new play will pleture Angio-Indian life, with soldiers and rajahs ftellew has made a contract to appear r Henry Irving at the Lyceum Theatre at

im S. Penley denies that he is contemplat-

NEBULE NEAR THE PLEIADES GROUP.

A RECENT VINDICATION OF PROFESSOR BAR-NARD'S PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK. Since photography has been applied to astro-

nomical research, many facts have been discovered that were formerly unknown. Professor E. E. Barnard, formerly of Lick Observatory, and now of the Yerkes Observatory staff, has been conspicuous for his contributions to this department of knowledge. But somehow or other he has incurred the jealousy or ill-will of famous English astronomical photographer, Dr. Roberts. The latter has stoutly declared that the limit of possible investigation with the sensitive plate has been reached by him, and that it is useless to expect anything more in the future. And when Professor Barrard goes and discovers something new, Dr. Roberts finds it convenient to dispute the evidence of the plates.

About five years ago the American just mentioned obtained some pictures of the region about the Pleiades, and was thus led to assert that there were large wisps of nebulous matter entirely exterior to that well-known group. The existence of nebulæ, which were apparently attached to three or four of the brighter stars in the Pleiades, has been known for fifteen o. twenty years; and some of the most exquisite photographs of the heavens are those which reyeal them. But Professor Barnard was the first to report with confidence that there were others, much fainter and more extensive outside. Copies of his plates have been in the posses

sion of the Royal Astronomical Society in England for two or three years. And having had ample time to examine them and tried in vain to get an impression of the new nebulæ with his own apparatus, Dr. Roberts published a criticism of Professor Barnard's work last summer, in which he called in question the genuineness of the discovery. He pronounced the streaks spurious, and attributed them to some of the familiar accidents of this class of But corroboration of the original testimony

has now come from an independent source. Dr. H. C. Wilson, of the Carleton College Observatory in Minnesota, who has had much experience in this difficult branch of astronomical investigation, and who has taken many beautiful photographs of nebulæ himself, has made two sets of experiments with the Fleiades. In deal of grumbling among society people. As one of the papers says: "This is one of the duties be-



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The Art Stationers. summer he went to Williams Bay and compared his plates with the originals of Professor

Barnard. All doubt was then removed by the remarkable coincidence in position and relative brightness between the Barnard pictures and those taken at Carleton College. But the matter was not allowed to rest there, In November last Dr. Wilson tried again, and secured two more pictures. While hese ex-

hibit spurious nebulosities, which are attributable to accident, they also show the ime faint streaks that Professor Barnard distracted over five years ago. Whatever uncertainty has existed in any one's mind up to the present time will now be effectually dispelled.

Of course, the chief point of interest in the matter is the existence of wonderfully delicate and probably enormously distant patches of nebulie in regions where they were preriously unknown; and speculation will be aroused as to their possible relations to the stars of the Pleiades group. But incidentally it has been demonstrated to the world that Dr. Roberts's inability to photograph a thing is not conclusive

DRUGE APPLICATION DENIED. X

CASE PROMISES TO ENTAIL FURTHER LITIMA TION. London, March 11.-The Secretary of State for

Home Affairs, Sir Matthew White Rilley, has re-fused the application, previously granted by the Consistory of the Court of St. Paul's to Mrs. Abna Maria Druce who says that she is the daughter-in-law of the fifth Duke of Portland, to open the Druce vanit in Highgate Cometery un-less the owner of the grave consents to have the consents opened or the Probate Court orders and in-spection of the body.

This decision is contrary to expectation and means a further litigation.

MEDALS FOR A STEAMER'S CREW. London. March 11.-Lloyds has presented medals to sixteen members of the crew of the Atlantia Transport Line steamer Menominee, Captain Bor-quet, which arrived at New-York on January 19 after having rescued Captain Honeyman and twenty-two members of the crew of the British tramp steamer Glendower, which was abandoned at sea in a sinking condition on January 17 while bound from Philadelphia for Sligo with a cargo of maiss.

ARGENTINE OFFICERS IN CHILL. Santiago de Chili, March il.—Toe officers belons ing to the Argentine training-ship Presidente Sar-

miento, which recently arrived at Valparaiso, are visiting this city, where they have been well received.

There is considerable anxiety to know the decision of United States Minister Buchanan on the Punia de Afacama question.

OBJECT TO ESTERHAZY'S TITLE. Paris, March II.-The old Hungarian family of Esterhazy has decided to apply to the Scine Court for an injunction prohibiting Major Count Esterhazy from using the title and arms of the Ester-